THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not conducted any such study.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Department of Space has informed that it is able to recruit only about 65% of the requirement of Scientists/Engineers during the last few years.

In order to mitigate the problem of acute shortage of quality human resource for Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), the Government has approved setting up of Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) near Thiruvananthapuram as a centre of excellence in education offering under-graduate, post-graduate, doctoral and post-doctoral positions in Space Science, Space Technology and Space Applications with customized curriculum meeting high technology requirements of ISRO.

Central assistance for madarsa modernisation

2789. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, while implementing the recommendations of the Fatimi Committee, has urged the State Governments to initiate for more proactive measures in seeking Central assistance under the schemes of madarsa modernisation and appointment of Urdu language teachers;

(b) if so, whether the States have responded on the above advice of the Centre;

(c) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for any additional financial assistance for the same;

(d) if so, the details of financial sanctions made and funds disbursed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Recently, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for financial assistance of Rs.243.27 lakhs for modernization of madarsas and a separate proposal for the appointment of 2874 number of Urdu language teachers. The proposal, being recent, can only be considered when the Grants-in-Aid Committee meets next. The proposal for Urdu teachers is under examination.

Illegal courses by IIPM

2790. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received several letters from Members of Parliament bringing to the notice the illegal courses offered by Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM) for MBA/BBA, at exorbitant fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mumbai High Court has also directed to seal the unauthorized and unapproved educational institutions; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken, so far, on the High Court direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government have received few letters from Members of Parliament regarding illegal courses offered by IIPM for MBA/BBA. The AICTE has issued show cause notice to the Indian Institute of Planning and Management and placed the name of the above institution in the list of unapproved technical institutions running technical courses without approval of AICTE. The Council has also advised the students by issuing Public Notices to look into the approval status of institutions before taking admission. The IIPM has filed a writ petition before Hon'ble Delhi High Court challenging the Show Cause Notice issued by the AICTE. The matter is *sub judice*.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay has directed the Government of Maharashtra to take necessary action to seal/close down unapproved technical institutions. The institutions conducting technical education programmes without AICTE approval have been issued show cause notices as to why action should not be taken for conducting such programmes. These Institutions were also advised to seek AICTE approval or close down these programmes. A list of unapproved institutions are also placed in AICTE website for information to the students and the general public. Based on the responses received to the show cause notices, necessary actions are being initiated against defaulting institutions.

Development of polytechnic education

2791. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether polytechnic education across the country is set to get a big boost during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, with 65 institutes proposed to be established across the country and provision of a one time grant of Rs. 12 crore per institute and giving 177 existing polytechnics funds for infrastructure upgradation;

(b) whether All India Council for Technical Education has also proposed to allow double shifts in the institutes and ease land requirement for new institutes by 50 per cent; and

(c) whether Government are considering to provide teachers to these institutions which are facing a great shortage at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government has initiated a scheme to provide one time financial assistance of Rs. 12.3 crore for